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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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1. CEAUSESCU VISIT. SINCE CEAUSESCU'S VISIT WILL INEVIT-
ABLY BE VIEWED TO SOME EXTENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENTLY
PRECEDING VISIT OF TITO, BILL LUERS AND WE THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT EMBASSY BELGRADE SENT US
IN PREPARATION FOR THAT EVENT. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU
SEPARATELY THE MAJOR CABLES, OBVIOUSLY NOT AS A PRESCRIP-
TION FOR WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU BUT SO YOU WILL KNOW WHAT
WENT BEFORE. WE UNDERSTAND THE PROFILE OF TITO AND THE
"PERSPECTIVE" CABLE BOTH WENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND WERE
VALUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS PREPARATION; ALL THE CABLES
WERE OF SOME USE TO US AND THE WHITE HOUSE. LUERS SUGGEST-
ED YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT THE STRESS IN YOUR WRITING ON THE
REGIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK AND ROMANIA'S STRATEGIC POSITION,
PERHAPS NOTING SOME OF THE MAJOR CONTRASTS AND PARALLELS
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WITH YUGOSLAVIA. ANYTHING SMACKING OF CLIENTISM SHOULD OF
COURSE BE AVOIDED, AS I KNOW YOU WILL, AND TOPICS SUCH AS
THE CULT OF THE PERSONALITY SHOULD BE TACKLED SQUARELY,
PERHAPS WITH AN EYE TO HOW THEY RELATE TO ROMANIA'S ACHIEVE-
MENTS AND SHORTCOMINGS.

2. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MRS. AGGREY'S PARTICIPATION IN

THE VISIT TOGETHER WITH THE AMBASSADOR BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

3. VIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AT AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON MARCH 10 THERE WAS NEAR UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT WE SHOULD REJECT THE LATEST ROMANIAN GAMBIT ON THE SECOND PACKAGE FOR THE ILYUSHIN 62. HOWEVER, WE ALSO FELT THAT EITHER APPROVAL OR REJECTION WARRANTED A SEVENTH-FLOOR CLEARANCE AND THUS WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY THAT WE INFORM THE GOR AND E SYSTEMS THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO APPROVE EXPORT OF THE SECOND PACKAGE. WE HOPE TO GET A QUICK RESPONSE IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE ROMANIANS WITH NO ROOM FOR OPTIMISM THAT WE WILL GO ALONG WITH THEIR LAST-MINUTE PROPOSAL. WE ARE ALSO THINKING OF HAVING NIMETZ MENTION THIS TO GLIGA LATER THIS WEEK. AT THE MARCH 10 MEETING WE ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REMIND THE ROMANIANS AGAIN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE TO THEM OF AVOIDING UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY (E.G., HAVING A BOEING 707 PAINTED WITH TAROM MARKINGS BEFORE INSTALLATION AT LOVE FIELD). WE ALSO PLAN TO HAVE E SYSTEMS WRITE VERY SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ON-SITE VISITS OF ROMANIAN TECHNICIANS SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE UP TO EIGHT ROMANIANS HANGING AROUND LOVE FIELD THE FULL SIX MONTHS.

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4. VISIT BY SECRETARY ADAMS, DOT. SINCE YOU MAY NOT BE RECEIVING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE ON THE INVITATION TO TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY ADAMS, THIS IS TO ALERT YOU THAT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY HE WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO ROMANIA THIS SPRING OR SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS CONSIDERING SUCH A TRIP OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WE WILL PUSH DOT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

5. ASSIGNMENT OF AGATT. WE PASSED ALONG THE INFORMATION IN YOUR BUCHAREST 1480 (O/I) TO AGRICULTURE (ROGER EULER/FAS). IT NOW APPEARS THAT MR. HAROLD SANDEN, WHO IS NOW IN NEW ZEALAND, WILL NOT BE ARRIVING IN BUCHAREST BEFORE OCTOBER 1. WE HAVE URGED EULER TO WRITE YOU IN MORE DETAIL REGARDING SANDEN'S ASSIGNMENT, BUT KNOWING HOW RESPONSIVE AGRICULTURE CAN BE, WE PASS ALONG THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION. SANDEN IS 50 YEARS OLD, IS MARRIED, AND WILL HAVE NO KIDS WITH HIM. HE IS A GS-14 AND WILL BE RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT IN EARLY JULY. (WE HAVE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ROMANIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING.)

6. HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. ROMANIANS HAVE BEEN VERY

INTERESTED IN REPORTS OF TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNING WITH HUNGARY. WE HAVE ASSURED THEM THAT PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT INCLUDES "ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSURANCES" ON EMIGRATION, ANNUAL REVIEW, AND THREE-YEAR RENEWAL. (FYI: WE EXPECT THAT SIGNING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY WITH HEARINGS LIKELY IN APRIL.)

7. LARRY GOODRICH PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23 AT 2:50 P.M. ON PANAM FLIGHT 66 FROM WASHINGTON. VANCE

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